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TWO ILLEGAL ALIENS SENTENCED FOR ILLEGAL RE-ENTRY

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that two Mexican nationals were sentenced in federal court today, in separate and unrelated cases, for illegally re-entering the United States.

* **Jose Gerardo Carranza-Garcia**, 34, a citizen of Mexico, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this morning to two years and six months in federal prison without parole.

On July 6, 2004, **Carranza-Garcia** pleaded guilty to illegally re-entering the United States. By pleading guilty, **Carranza-Garcia** admitted that he was in Camden County, Mo., on Jan. 17, 2004, after having been previously deported from the United States.

Carranza-Garcia was deported on Sept. 12, 1996 from Laredo, Texas, Graves said.

Carranza-Garcia was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on March 12, 2004, in Jefferson City.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Lynn. It was investigated by the Osage Beach, Mo., Department of Public Safety and the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

* **Jesus Rocha-Ortiz**, 22, a citizen of Mexico, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this morning to one year and three months in federal prison without parole.

On Sept. 27, 2004, **Rocha-Ortiz** pleaded guilty to illegally re-entering the United States. By pleading guilty, **Rocha-Ortiz** admitted that he was in Boone County, Mo., on July 30, 2004, after having been previously deported from the United States.

Rocha-Ortiz was deported on June 25, 2004, from El Paso, Texas, Graves said.

Rocha-Ortiz was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Aug. 27, 2004, in Jefferson City.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Lynn. It was investigated by the Columbia, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at
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